

Amendments to the claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of entering text into an electronic device by means of a keypad having a number of keys, each key representing a plurality of characters, the method comprising:

entering characters by means of the keys representing the characters, wherein a character is selected among the plurality of characters represented by the corresponding key by pressing the key a number of times corresponding to the character,

attaching to each key, in addition to the plurality of characters represented by that key, a further, ambiguous character representing any one of the plurality of characters represented by the key, wherein the plurality of characters and the ambiguous character are concurrently assigned to each key for selection by pressing the key a number of times corresponding to either the ambiguous character or the plurality of characters;

activating a sequence of keys such that an ambiguous character sequence comprising at least one ambiguous character is generated;

generating possible non-ambiguous character sequences corresponding to the ambiguous character sequence;

comparing the possible character sequences with a vocabulary stored in a memory, the vocabulary comprising character sequences representing words occurring in a given language;

pre-selecting ones of the possible character sequences that match character sequences stored in the vocabulary;

selecting one of the pre-selected character sequences; and

entering the selected character sequence into the device.

2. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, further comprising selecting the further, ambiguous character attached to a given key by pressing the given key a single time.

3. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, further comprising presenting, when a key has been pressed at least one time, a list of the plurality of characters represented by the pressed key on a display.

4. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 3, further comprising presenting the further, ambiguous character attached to a given key as the first character in the list.

5. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 3, further comprising presenting the further, ambiguous character attached to a given key as an asterisk in the list.

6. (Currently Amended) An electronic device configured such that text can be entered into the device, the device comprising:

a keypad with a plurality of keys, each key representing a plurality of characters, wherein a given character can be entered by pressing the key representing the given character a number of times corresponding to the character, each key being arranged to represent, in addition to the plurality of characters represented by that key, a further, ambiguous character representing any one of the plurality of characters represented by that key, wherein the plurality of characters and the ambiguous character are concurrently assigned to each key for selection by pressing the key a number of times corresponding to either the ambiguous character or the plurality of characters;

a memory, configured to store a vocabulary comprising character sequences representing words occurring in a given language;

means for generating possible non-ambiguous character sequences corresponding to an ambiguous character sequence comprising at least one ambiguous character and generated by a sequence of activated keys; and

means for comparing the possible character sequences with the stored vocabulary and pre-selecting possible character sequences matching character sequences stored in the vocabulary; and

the device being arranged to allow a user to select one of the pre-selected character sequences and enter the selected character sequence into the device.

7. (Currently Amended) An electronic communications device according to claim 6, wherein the device is further arranged to select the further, ambiguous character represented by a given key by pressing the given key a single time.

8. (Currently Amended) An electronic communications device according to claim 6, wherein the device is further arranged to present, when a key has been pressed at least one time, a list of the plurality of characters represented by the pressed key on a display.

9. (Currently Amended) An electronic communications device according to claim 8, wherein the device is further arranged to present the further, ambiguous character represented by a given key as the first character in the list.

10. (Currently Amended) An electronic communications device according to claim 8, wherein the device is further arranged to present the further, ambiguous character represented by a given key as an asterisk in the list.